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an electronic transaction network and a plurality of personal portable electronic transaction devices cooperating therewith to permit electronic transactions;

said electronic transaction network also providing random information to said plurality of electronic transaction devices;

each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices enabling a user to perceive the random information.

21. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 20, wherein said electronic transaction network comprises a transaction terminal for carrying out the electronic transactions with said personal portable electronic transaction devices, and wherein said electronic transaction network provides the random information to said personal portable electronic transaction devices via said transaction terminal.

22. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 21, wherein said transaction terminal comprises a contactless transaction terminal.

23. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 20, wherein said electronic transaction network also provides non-random information to said plurality of electronic transaction devices; and each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices also enabling the user to perceive the non-random information, and each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices comprising an audio circuit for audible reproduction of at least one of the random and non-random information.

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24. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 23, wherein each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices generates at least one of the random and non-random information for audio reproduction to the user via said audio circuit.

25. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 23, wherein at least a portion of the random information received from said electronic transaction network is compressed; and wherein said audio circuit comprises a data decompression circuit for decompressing the compressed random information.

26. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 25, wherein said data compression circuit performs data compression according to an MPEG 3 standard.

27. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 23, wherein said audio circuit comprises a voice synthesizer for providing the non-random information to the user.

28. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 20, wherein said electronic transaction network also provides non-random information to said plurality of electronic transaction devices; and each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices enabling the user to perceive the non-random information, and each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices comprising a display for presenting at least one of the random and non-random information to the user.

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29. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 28, wherein each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices generates at least one of the random and non-random information for presenting to the user via said display.

30. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 20, wherein each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices comprises:

a smart card for cooperating with said electronic transaction network to permit the electronic transactions and for receiving the random information therefrom; and

a case for enabling the user to perceive the random information received by said smart card;

said smart card separate from and operating independently of said case.

31. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 30, wherein said smart card comprises a download circuit for downloading the random information to said case when said case is in contact with said smart card.

32. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 20, wherein each personal portable electronic transaction device is configured as a contactless chip card.

33. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 20, wherein each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices is included within a device having a primary function unrelated to the electronic transactions.

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34. An electronic transaction system according to Claim 33, wherein the primary function is cellular telephone communications, and each of said personal portable electronic transaction devices is functionally integrated into a cellular telephone operating within a cellular telephone system.

35. A personal portable electronic transaction device for cooperating with an electronic transaction network to permit electronic transactions therewith, the personal portable electronic transaction device comprising:

downloading means for downloading random information generated by the electronic transaction network; and

enabling means for enabling a user to perceive the random information.

36. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 35, wherein the electronic transaction network comprises a transaction terminal for carrying out the electronic transactions with said downloading means, and the random information is also downloaded to said downloading means via the transaction terminal.

37. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 36, wherein the transaction terminal comprises a contactless transaction terminal.

38. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 35, wherein the electronic transaction network also provides non-random information to said downloading means, and said enabling means also enabling the user to perceive the non-random information, and said enabling

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means comprising an audio circuit for audible reproduction of at least one of the random and non-random information.

39. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 38, wherein at least a portion of the random information received from the electronic transaction network is compressed; and wherein said audio circuit comprises a data decompression circuit for decompressing the compressed random information.

40. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 38, wherein said audio circuit comprises a voice synthesizer for providing the non-random information to the user.

41. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 35, wherein the electronic transaction network also provides non-random information to said downloading means, and said enabling means also enabling the user to perceive the non-random information, and said enabling means comprising a display for presenting at least one of the random and non-random information to the user.

42. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 35, wherein said downloading means is configured within a smart card for cooperating with the electronic transaction network to permit the electronic transactions and for receiving the random information therefrom; and wherein said enabling means is configured within a case for enabling the user to perceive the random information received by said smart card; and said smart card

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performing the electronic transactions through the electronic transaction network independently of said case.

43. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 42, wherein the random information is provided from said smart card to said case when said case is in contact with said smart card.

44. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 35, wherein said down loading means and said enabling means are configured within a contactless chip card.

45. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 35, wherein said enabling means informs the user when the random information is received and also enables the user to control communication of the random information to the user.

46. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 35, wherein said down loading means and said enabling means are included within a device having a primary function unrelated to the electronic transactions.

47. A personal portable electronic transaction device according to Claim 46, wherein the primary function is cellular telephone communications, and said downloading means and said enabling means are functionally integrated into a cellular telephone operating within a cellular telephone system.

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48. A method for supporting electronic transactions in an electronic transaction network using a personal portable electronic transaction device, the method comprising:

generating random information within the electronic transaction network responsive to an electronic transaction being performed with the personal portable electronic transaction device;

downloading the random information from the electronic transaction network to the personal portable electronic transaction device; and

enabling a user of the personal portable electronic transaction device to perceive the random information.

49. A method according to Claim 48, further comprising:

downloading non-random information from the electronic transaction network to the personal portable electronic transaction device; and

enabling the user of the personal portable electronic transaction device to perceive the non-random information.

50. A method according to Claim 49, wherein enabling the user comprises enabling the user to perceive at least one of the random and non-random information based upon an audible reproduction.

51. A method according to Claim 50, further comprising compressing at least a portion of the random information being generated by the electronic transaction network; and the method comprising decompressing the compressed random information.

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52. A method according to Claim 49, wherein enabling the user to perceive the non-random information is based upon use of a voice synthesizer.

53. A method according to Claim 49, wherein enabling the user comprises enabling the user to perceive at least one of the random and non-random information based upon a display.

54. A method according to Claim 48, wherein the personal portable electronic transaction device comprises a contactless chip card.

55. A method according to Claim 48, wherein the personal portable electronic transaction device is included within a device having a primary function unrelated to the electronic transactions.

REMARKS

It is believed that all of the claims are patentable over the prior art. For better readability and the Examiner's convenience, the newly submitted claims differ from the translated counterpart claims which are being canceled. The newly submitted claims do not represent changes or amendments that narrow the claim scope for any reason related to the statutory requirements for patentability. Accordingly, after the Examiner completes a thorough examination and finds the claims patentable, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested in due course. Should the Examiner determine any minor informalities that need to be addressed, he is encouraged to contact the undersigned attorney at the telephone number below.